

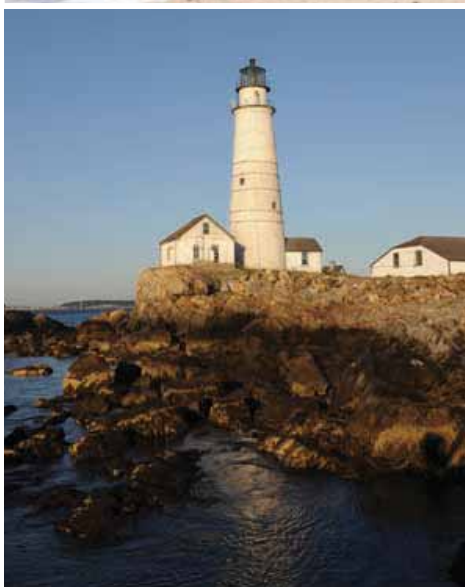


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WELCOME TO Boston Harbor Islands National Park Area

Boston Harbor Islands national park area

features 34 islands encompassing 1,600 acres and 35 miles of coastline all within ten miles of downtown Boston. Hiking trails, beaches, ranger-led tours, camping, kayaking, nature walks, historic sites and daily programs are just minutes away by ferry. Join visitors of every age and explore the beauty, tranquility, history and outdoor activities that await you on the Boston Harbor Islands.

Begin your visit at the Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion on the Rose F. Kennedy Greenway. At this open-air visitor center, Boston Harbor Islands park rangers greet visitors and help plan trips. Ferry tickets, schedules, travel essentials, and souvenirs are easily available.

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ISLAND VISITS

Georges

- Perfect for history buffs: Georges is home to Civil War era Fort Warren (which was, or maybe is!) home to a legendary ghost, the Lady in Black
- Head to the rocky shore for exceptional views of surrounding islands, Boston Light and the harbor
- Enjoy the visitor center with exhibits about the Fort, children's play structure, gift shop and snack bar by Jasper White's Summer Shack
- Ranger-led walking tours of Fort Warren and seasonal programming and activities

Spectacle

- Swim on a life-guarded sandy beach with changing station, and showers
- Hike on scenic walking paths with great views of Boston and other islands
- Visit the visitor center with exhibits about the park (and how Spectacle got its name!) and dine at Jasper White's Summer Shack which offers food and refreshments during the summer season
- Ranger-led walking and kayak tours, seasonal programming and activities

Peddocks

- Hike on paths throughout the remaining Fort Andrews structures on the largest, most diverse island. Enjoy walking trails to a marsh, a pond and coastal forests
- Visit the new welcome center in the historic guard house
- Ranger-led walking tours and seasonal programming and activities



Off the Beaten Path

- Lovells, Grape and Bumpkin Islands each have a rustic campground with a group site and individual tent sites
- Enjoy the outdoors: hiking kayaking and exploring nature
- Reserve your campsite at reserveamerica.com

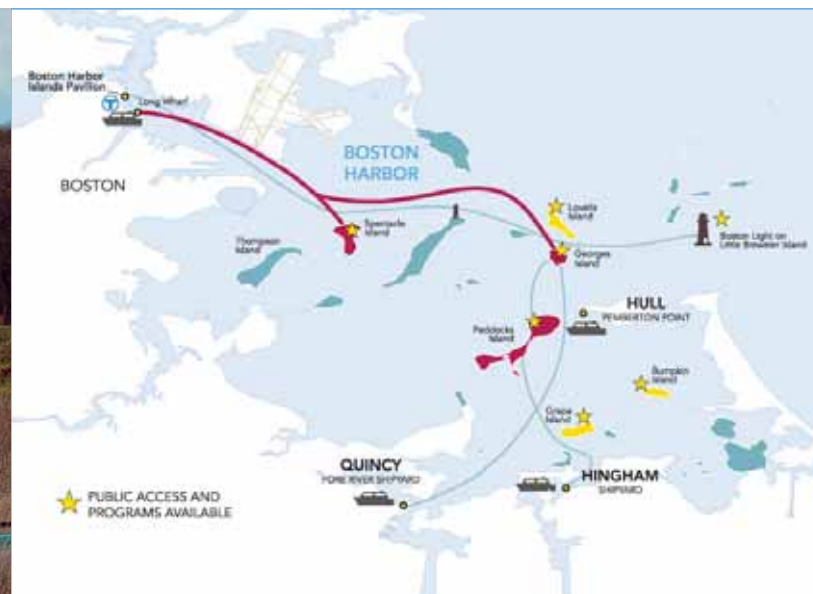
Thompson Island

- Explore the island's rolling hills, meadows, beaches, and salt marsh
- The ferry departs from South Boston, EDIC Pier #10 on Sundays

Little Brewster Island-Boston Light

Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays -- June 15 to Oct 7

- Enjoy a guided boat tour of Boston's historic lighthouses
- Land at Little Brewster Island, visit the first and oldest lighthouse station in the United States, meet the Coast Guard light keeper and climb to the top of the lighthouse for a fabulous view
- Buy tickets: bostonharborislands.org/tour-lighthouse



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DAILY & ONGOING ACTIVITIES

July and August

Mondays

Let's Move! Mondays

Boston Harbor Islands is a part of the nationwide *Let's Move Outside!* Junior Ranger program led by First Lady Michelle Obama's to end childhood obesity. Enjoy the outdoors! Ask a ranger how to earn your *Let's Move Outside!* sticker.

Tuesdays

Toddler Tuesdays

An island exploration for pre-schoolers, programs include tactile island exploration. Spectacle 11:00 am, Grape 10:30 am

Wednesdays

Beach and Below: Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium

Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium The New England Aquarium invites island visitors to discover what lies beneath the water in and around Spectacle Island. Learn about unique species of marine life, take part in a guided beach exploration and examine how our actions can impact Boston Harbor and our world's oceans. Spectacle 11:00 am and 1:00 pm

Beginner Sea Kayaking at Grape and Spectacle

Join a ranger to learn the basics of kayaking as you paddle around Grape or in the cove at Spectacle.* First come, first serve - weather permitting, determined by island staff. Space

limited. Ages 12 and up.

Arts in the Park

Bi-weekly arts activities to include: watercolor, kids crafts, drawing. Spectacle or Georges 11:00 am - 1:00 pm

Thursdays

Beginner Sea Kayaking at Grape and Spectacle Islands

See Wednesdays

Youth Fishing on Spectacle

Join a park ranger on the pier at Spectacle and learn some great ways to fish. Poles and bait will be provided. (16 years and younger, registration required) Spectacle 12:30 - 2:30 pm

Hungry Hens

Meet the chickens of Bumpkin, and learn about Boston Harbor Islands sustainable pest control. Bumpkin 11:30 am - 1:00 pm (July 19 - August 16)

Fridays

Plays in the Park

Kids' theater performances on the stage in Fort Warren. Georges 11:45 and 1:30 pm

Performances to include:

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| June 29 | Tall Tale of a Tall Ship |
| July 6 | Tall Tale of a Tall Ship |
| July 13 | Beauty and Beach |
| July 20 | Tales of the Constitution |
| July 27 | The Velveteen Robot |
| August 3 | Tales of the Constitution |

150th Anniversary of the Civil War

Visit Fort Warren on Georges Island, one of New England's premier Civil War sites to commemorate the sesquicentennial of the Civil War. Special events include ranger walking tours, costumed interpretation, lawn games, storytelling, children's crafts, historian talks, self guided fort exploration, daily historic dispatches, musical and dance performances, and marching demonstrations.

August 10 Sleeping Ugly

August 17 Tall Tale of a Tall Ship

August 24 The Little Martian

August 31 The Princess and the Peanut Butter Sandwich

Saturdays

Go Fly a Kite

Bring your own or make your own. Kite making materials provided. First come, first serve. One kite per family. Spectacle 1:30 - 2:30 pm

Island Yoga with Om Warrior

Gentle beginner yoga on beautiful and peaceful Spectacle overlooking views of Boston Harbor. Bring a mat or a towel. First come, first served. Spectacle Noon and 1:30 pm

Sundays

Science Sundays

Walking tours and lectures with local scientists who are doing research on the Boston Harbor Islands. Check website for specific times and island.

Let's Move Outside! with Knucklebones

Come play outside with your family or group. Knucklebones has rental games, equipment and supplies for hours of recreational fun for all ages. Check out their booth on Georges Island and Boston Harbor Island Pavilion, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm

Civil War Lawn Games and Dress Up

Learn about the Civil War and the games kids and adults used to play in the 1800's. Kids can dress up in Civil War era clothing. Meet in the parade ground and step back into history. Georges 2:00 - 4:00 pm

Intro to Disc Golf

Disc Golf is one of the fastest growing sports in the country! Use one of our discs or bring your own. Play Mulligan's Island Disc Golf where you always get a second chance on our mini course. Peddocks 12:30 - 3:30 pm

Spectacle Island Jazz

Relax on the porch to the sounds of big bands, folk music, swing, and jazz

ensembles.

Jazz on the Porch with Guitarist David Ehle

June 17, July 15, July 29, August 12, August 26 12:00 - 4:00 pm

Berklee Jazz on Spectacle

June 24, July 8, 22; August 5, August 19, September 2 1:00 - 4:00 pm

Everyday

Georges Island Tours

Take a guided tour of National Historic Landmark Fort Warren, and meet Civil War Confederate and Union costume interpreters who were imprisoned and guarded the fort.

Spectacle Island Tours

Take a guided walk of the island. Common program themes include renewable energy and green technology, social and industrial history, plant identification, wild edibles, sea glass hunting, and bird spotting.

Off the Beaten Path Islands

Grape, Bumpkin, Peddocks and Lovells islands Park rangers give guided and themed tours such as tide pooling, wild edibles, birding, evening star gazing, or micro-wilderness exploration.

Join the Great Park Pursuit

The Department of Conservation and Recreation brings you this exciting program for its sixth year. The Great Park Pursuit (GPP) is a free family adventure activity that connects families with the outdoors and their state park resources. Held in the months of July and August. For more information, visit www.mass.gov/dcr/gpp/

Photo Contest

The Boston Harbor Islands invites photographers to enter its First Annual Photography Competition. We are looking for striking digital images highlighting the people, wildlife, views and nature of the Boston Harbor Islands. Visit islandalliance.org to enter.



JUNE & JULY

FREE

JUNE 2

Spectacle Island 5K Road Race, Kids Fun Run and 3K walk

Spectacle 9:30-3:00 pm

Sponsored by Hingham Shipyard Marinas

JUNE 3

Nesting Bird Cruise

9:30 am – 12:00 pm

Explore the birds of outer islands and Weir River. Registration required.

Vintage Base Ball Game

Georges 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Step back in time to the base ball of the 1860s.

JUNE 5

Transit of Venus

Spectacle 5:00 – 7:00 pm

An astrological once in a lifetime opportunity, as Venus traverses between Earth and the Sun.

JUNE 16

Berklee Music Fest at Georges

Georges 2:00 – 5:00 pm

Bands include Canary, Luke Mulholland Band, Sounds of Venus. *Sponsored by Harpoon*

JUNE 17

Spectacle Island Jazz

Relax on the porch to sound of big bands, folk music, swing and jazz ensembles.

Jazz on the Porch with

Guitarist David Ehle

Spectacle Island

12:00- 4:00 pm

JUNE 19

FREE! Ferry Day

9:00 – 5:30 pm

Take the ferry to Georges or Spectacle Island for Free!

Sponsored by the Lawrence & Lillian Solomon Fund.

Vanessa Trein Kids Concert

Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion

11:00 am – noon

Enjoy this popular kids' musician play everyone's favorite tunes on the Greenway.

Birds of Prey

Boston Harbor Islands Pavilion

11:00 am-1:00 pm

Meet live "Birds of Prey" and the birds of the Boston Harbor Islands from The Trailside Museum of Milton.

JUNE 23

Mass Audubon's Visual Arts Center

Pedlocks 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Join the Visual Arts Center on an artistic exploration of Pedlocks Island.

Island Yoga with Om Warrior

Spectacle noon and 1:30 pm

Gentle beginner yoga on beautiful and peaceful Spectacle Island overlooking views of Boston Harbor. Bring a mat or a towel. First come first served.

JUNE 24

Vintage Base Ball Game

Georges 11:30 am- 3:00 pm

Step back in time to the base ball of the 1860s.

Berklee Jazz on Spectacle

Spectacle Island 1:00-4:00 pm

JUNE 26

Family Jam Concert with

Toe Jam Puppet Band

Georges 10:45 am & 12:45 pm

Through music, song, and puppetry children will learn about creatures you'll find in your yard, garden and sometimes in your house!

City of Boston's Summer Splash

Spectacle 12:30 – 3:00 pm

Kick off to summer with children's activities including games, island exploration, music and more.

JUNE 30

Sea Shanties with the Jolly Rogues

Boston Harbor Pavilion

1:00 – 3:00 pm

Welcome the Tall Ships to Boston with the Jolly Rogues sea shanty tunes.

Island Yoga with Om Warrior

Spectacle noon and 1:30 pm

Gentle beginner yoga on beautiful and peaceful Spectacle Island overlooking views of Boston Harbor. Bring a mat or a towel. First come first served.



JULY 1

Music of the War of 1812

Spectacle 1:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebrate the Tall Ships as you enjoy the views of the Harbor as Rick Spencer performs music from one of America's earliest wars.

Author Series: Walking Tour

of Pedlocks Island with

Christopher Klein

Pedlocks 12:30 – 2:00 pm

Christopher Klein author of *Discovering the Boston Harbor Islands* will lead a walking tour of Pedlocks Island.

JULY 8

Vintage Base Ball

Georges 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Step back in time to the base ball of the 1860s.

JULY 15

Science Sunday with Catch the Science Bug

Spectacle 11:00 am – 3:30 pm

Hands on science activities for kids.

Find Your Center: Yoga Retreat

Spectacle 10:00 am – 3:00 pm

Yoga (all-levels), meditation, hiking, swimming with 02 Yoga. Fees apply, includes vegan box lunch and refreshments.

Civil War Living History Tour

Georges 12:30 & 2:30 pm

Join Confederate prisoner of war on a living history tour of Fort Warren.

JULY 21

Let's Move Outside!

Family Fitness Day

Spectacle 10:30 – 3:00 pm

Bring the family for yoga, zumba, hula hooping, tai chi and more!

Berklee Music Fest at Georges

Georges 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Bands include The Jauntee, Zilch and Blue Mountain

Bustdown.

Sponsored by Harpoon

JULY 22

Native American Festival

Pedlocks 11:00 – 4:00 pm

Celebration of traditional and contemporary cultures of Northeastern Native American peoples. *Sponsored by UMass Boston's Institute for New England Native American Studies, and the Wampanoag Indigenous Program of Plimoth Plantation.*

Walking Tour of Fort Warren with author Jay Schmidt

Georges 12:30 pm & 2:00 pm

JULY 27

Pedlocks Perimeter Walk

Pedlocks 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Join NPS Rangers for a guided walk around Pedlocks Island.

JULY 28

Family Jam Concert

with Rolie Polie Guacamole

Georges 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Grooving in the afternoon with Brooklyn coolest kid's band, Rolie Polie Guacamole!

Mass Audubon's Visual Arts Center

Pedlocks 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Join the Visual Arts Center on an artistic exploration of Pedlocks Island.

Beach and Below: Exploring the Coastline with the New England Aquarium

Lovells Island 12:15 p.m.

and 2:00 pm

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JULY 29

Civil War Camp Life with the 54th Regiment

Georges 10:00 – 3:00 pm

Step back in time and interact with the first African American regiment of the Civil War. Language interpretation in Portuguese, Spanish, Mandarin and Vietnamese available.

Civil War Living History Tour

Georges 12:30 & 2:30 pm

Join Confederate prisoner of war on a living history tour of Fort Warren.

Vintage Base Ball Workshop

Georges 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Learn the basics of how to play Vintage Base Ball as it was played at Fort Warren in the 1860s.

AUGUST & SEPTEMBER

AUGUST 4

Kite Flying Festival

Spectacle 11:00 – 2:00 pm

Activities include kite flying, frisbee, volleyball and cricket.

Sponsored by the American Indian Foundation. Pre-registration required.

Summer Shack Iron Chef

Spectacle 1:00 – 2:30 pm

Live competition of Summer Shack's local chefs.

Christmas in August

Georges 1:00 – 3:00

Arts and crafts, reading and book signing with author and illustrator of *Lighthouse Santa*.

Family Jam Concert with Karen K and the Jitterbugs

Georges 3:00 – 4:00 pm

Dance away the afternoon with Karen K and the Jitterbugs!

Face painting and kids' activities.

AUGUST 5

Shakespeare on Love

Georges Noon and 2:00 pm

Commonwealth Shakespeare Company debuts on Georges Island with speeches, sonnets, scenes and songs inspired by Shakespeare on the subject of love. Appropriate for families.

Boston Green Fest preview day

Spectacle 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Preview the highlights from the Boston Green Fest.

AUGUST 11

Berklee Roots and Jazz on Peddocks Island with John Egiz

Peddocks 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Sit back, relax and enjoy the tunes at Peddocks Island's new welcome center.

AUGUST 18

Let's Move Outside!

Family Wellness Day

Spectacle 10:30 am – 3:00 pm

Bring the family for yoga, zumba, hula hooping and more!

Photography Workshop

Spectacle 11:00 am – noon

City of Boston's Parks and Recreation will host a free photography workshop.

Mass Audubon's Visual Arts Center

Peddocks 12:30 – 2:30 pm

Join the Visual Arts Center on an artistic exploration of Peddocks Island.

Berklee Music Fest at Georges

Georges 3:00 – 6:00 pm

Bands include April Bender, Julia Easterlin and Columbus.

Sponsored by Harpoon.

AUGUST 19

Snow Day in Summer

Georges 11:00 am – 3:00 pm

Day of storytelling, crafts and visit from the Flying Santa as we remember Edward Rowe Snow. *Sponsored by the Friends of the Boston Harbor Islands and Friends of the Flying Santa.*

Vintage Base Ball Game

Georges 11:30 am – 3:00 pm

Step back in time to the base ball of the 1860s.

AUGUST 22

Read Boston's Story Mobile

Spectacle 11:00 – 12:30 pm

Interactive story telling for children of all ages. Every child receives a free book.

AUGUST 24

Free Fun Friday

8:30 am – 6:30 pm

Take the ferry to Georges or Spectacle Island for FREE! Enjoy free programming all day at Long Wharf. *Sponsored by the Highland Street Foundation.*

Birds of Prey

Boston Harbor Islands

Pavilion 11:00am-1:00pm

Meet live "Birds of Prey" and the birds of the Boston Harbor Islands from The Trillside Museum of Milton.

Zumix Live

Boston Harbor Island Pavilion

11:00 am – noon

Enjoy one of Zumix's bands from East Boston as they play a free concert on the Greenway!



AUGUST 25

Civil War Day

Georges 11:00 – 3:00 pm

Day will feature historians, children activities, an historic doll picnic, cartoonist and more.

Vintage Base Ball Workshop

Georges 12:00 – 3:00 pm

Learn the basics of how to play Vintage Base Ball as it was played at Fort Warren in the 1860s.

AUGUST 26

Civil War Living History Tour

Georges 12:30 & 2:30 pm

Join Confederate prisoner of war on a living history tour of Fort Warren.

Play for Peddocks Public Arts Discussion and Reception

Peddocks 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

Join the artists and organizers of Bumpkin Island's Art Encampment in a workshop about the arts on the Boston Harbor Islands.

Shakespeare's The Tempest

Peddocks 1:30 pm

Boston's Rebel Shakespeare Company will perform The Tempest on the beach at Peddocks.

SEPTEMBER 8

Vintage Base Ball Game

Georges 11:30 am – 2:00 pm

Step back in time to the base ball of the 1860s.

Narragansett Beer Tasting

Georges Noon – 4:00 pm

Come to Fort Warren and sample the seasonal favorites of Narragansett Brewery. Purchase tickets on island.

Sounding Board's

Fondue in Blue

Georges 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Music concert featuring classical, jazz and pop music. Picnic blankets provided.

SEPTEMBER 22

Chowder Cook Off

Spectacle Noon – 2:00 pm

Try a variety of Summer Shacks tastiest chowders. Purchase tickets on island.

SEPTEMBER 29

BHIA Regatta

Boston Harbor

10:00 am – 4:00 pm

The Harbor's largest regatta of sailboats.

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FERRY SCHEDULES

BOSTON ROUTE – Long Wharf North.
T stations: Aquarium or Haymarket.

Summer: June 22 – September 3



- **Monday – Thursday:** Ferries for Georges and Spectacle Islands run hourly from 9 am until 5 pm.
- **Friday – Sunday:** Ferries for Georges and Spectacle Islands run every half-hour from 9 am until 6 pm.

Spring and Fall:

May 5 – June 21 & September 4 – October 8

- **Monday – Wed** Ferries for Spectacle Island run every hour 10:30 am to 4:30 pm
- **Thursday – Sunday** Ferries run to Georges and Spectacle every hour and 15 minutes 9:30 am to 5:00 pm

Hingham Shipyard

Summer: June 22 – September 3

- Ferries depart from Hingham, stopping in Hull, to go to Georges, Bumpkin, Peddocks, Grape and Lovells Islands.

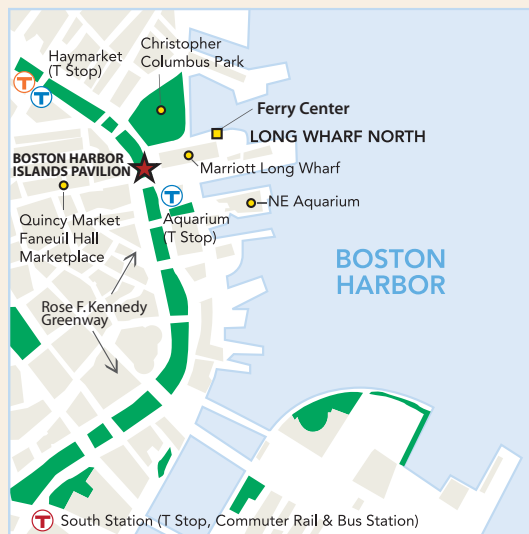
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